

**ENTERED**

December 01, 2023

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**VS.**

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**CRIMINAL ACTION NO. H-23-556**

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**JOSE LUIS REYES-MARTINEZ**

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**ORDER**

Pending before the Court is an unopposed motion (docket no. 12) filed by the Defendant for continuance of the trial setting. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3161, the basis for the continuance is the finding that the ends of justice served in granting such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

The Court finds that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, a failure to grant continuance in this case would deny counsel for the Defendant the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation taking into account the exercise of due diligence and would thereby result in a miscarriage of justice for the Defendant.

The Defendant recites that there has been inadequate time to sufficiently prepare for trial. Denial of the reasonable time necessary for effective trial preparation is expressly enunciated in 18 U.S.C. § 3161 as a factor in determining that a continuance in the ends of justice would outweigh the public's interest in a speedy trial.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Defendant's motion for continuance is **GRANTED**. A period of excludable delay shall commence from December 1, 2023, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, and end upon the start of trial.

Motions shall be filed by: January 8, 2024.

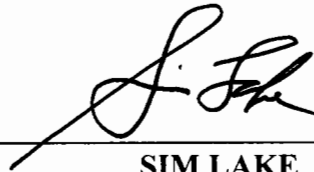
Responses shall be filed by: February 5, 2024.

Proposed Voir Dire, Jury Charge, Exhibit Lists, and Witness Lists shall be filed by:  
February 20, 2024.

A Pretrial Conference is set for February 22, 2024 at 11:30 AM.

Jury Trial will be held on February 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

**SIGNED** at Houston, Texas, this the 1st day of December, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Lake', is written over a horizontal line.

**SIM LAKE**  
**SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**